

A POINT THE ONLY THING TO CHEER

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BRADFORD 0, LUTON TOWN 0

THERE are goal-less draws and goal-less draws, and this was one of the less-exciting variety, which produced surprising lack of urgency, particularly on the part of Bradford, in view of their dire need for points.

Consolation for the Town, though, lay in the fact that they secured one of their rare points on an away ground, and there was no disputing the fact that they thoroughly earned it. In fact, had they been more lethal in front of goal than they were, there could have been a victory to record tonight.

Indisputably, they were the better side in mid-field, created nearly all the scoring openings that this game brought, but somehow just could not supply the finish at close quarters.

However, doubtless manager Allan Brown is satisfied, because he said yesterday that he would be pleased with a point, which tots the total up to six since he claimed eight more would put the Town clear of the re-election bogey.

What this result did was to preserve the Town's four-points advantage over Bradford, who are obviously going to have their work cut out to avoid finishing in the last four, especially as their goal average is inferior.

Chief honours for the Town must go to the defence, which had little difficulty in containing a Bradford attack that was lamentably short of constructive ideas.

Strong man of the defence was Dougan, who had a firm grip on the middle of the field, and there was solid support for him from Moore and Jardine, and also from Thomson, once he got over an uncertain patch in the first half.

Conboy, too, played his part, though he was apt to leave a gap at times through being over ambitious in going forward.

Without really reaching his true potential, French was easily the best of the forwards, and he was the one from whom Bradford always had to fear trouble.

Allen worked hard without achieving as much as usual, and much the same applied to Whittaker. Rioch, looking fitter than he had on previous outings since his injury, linked up with the rest of the forwards quite cleverly at times, but clearly has not yet regained his confidence in front of goal.

King had a rather unsuccessful time in the face of some rugged tackling.

So there it was, an invaluable point to the Town for a not-very-exciting game which exasperated most of the 3,760 customers.